

and do yet, but some have apparently grown indifferent; it is this latter class I wish to address.

Why should the work not now be as interesting and important, and as worthy of support as it was in the beginning? In fact it should be more so, because of the measure of success which has already attended it.

When the first appeal was made to raise money to open a mission in Chicago some eighteen hundred dollars was contributed, or subscribed in less than an hour. A little over a year ago when a call was issued for money to purchase a church property in Washington City nearly four thousand dollars flowed in like water from an overflowing river. These two events prove that the brethren have the money and are willing to give it liberally for a good cause when once aroused, but somehow a good many do not stay aroused.

To take a common sense view of the matter, what good would be accomplished by spending upwards of five thousand dollars in Chicago and then let the work die? Or what good in purchasing a church property in Washington, and then not sustain the work?

The fact that we have already spent considerable money in the above mentioned cities ought to appeal to all of us the more strongly to bring the work to a complete success in both places. If it had proved a failure in one place or the other there would be some excuse for indifference; but there has not been failure but marked success.

Five years ago we had but three or four members in the city of Chicago, not one of which stands connected with our mission there now, and yet we have a following there of upwards of forty members. Five years ago we had no members in the city of Washington, today we have upwards of sixty members there.

To commercialize our work we have thus far reached about one hundred people at an expense of ten thousand dollars, or an average of one soul with one hundred dollars. It has been intimated that the result of the mission in Chicago was not commensurate with the cost. I am aware that this is a practical, commercial age, and that nearly everything is reduced to its money value, but friends, what is the value of a soul? Jesus said, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Dear brother or sister what money value do you put on your own soul, or what would you take for your hope in Jesus? When you are once willing to set a price on your own hope it will be time enough for you to question the cost of saving, or trying to save others.

Suppose we can repeat the history of the first five years in the next five, both as to cost and result, would it not be a good investment? As far as I am personally concerned I am looking for anything more profitable. Moreover, has the work not been as successful in either Chicago or Washington as it has been in the average churches anywhere else? Our little Philadelphia work

has cost us ten thousand dollars during the last five years, with one of the best evangelists as pastor, and yet we scarcely count a hundred additions to the Philadelphia church proper.

Whether the result of our efforts in either Washington or Chicago, has been what we expected, or not, or whether the missionaries in charge are just according to our ideal, or not are questions scarcely to be considered; the brethren certainly mean to have a well established work in both of those cities, and we can only get that by a liberal support from all over the brotherhood.

Such as read my monthly reports will have noticed that our Washington brethren have raised their local contributions to fifty dollars a month and over, so that the burden upon the General Board is not heavy now for that work, and will cease altogether in a year or two more.

As noted in my May report there is owing to our brethren Talley and Lyon something over four hundred dollars collectively, which ought to be paid. This arrearage and the needs of the missions right along impelled me to make this plain matter of fact appeal. If it does not appeal to you brother, or sister, do not give anything as the money would be wasted as far as you are personally concerned. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver" but if it does appeal to you do not harden your heart against it.

JACOB C. CASSEL,

Sec. M. B. of the B. C.

## Among the Churches

### Milford, Ind.

As it has been some time since there has been anything said concerning the church work of this place, I will write you of what we have been doing.

The brethren had the church ceiled overhead and the S. S. C. E., together with the other sisters of the church had the walls papered, the wood work re-varnished, and replaced new carpet in the church. Our work alone came to \$104 25.

All our church services are quite well attended, especially the S. S.

Brother Flora of Nappanee is coming over to preach for us on next Saturday eve, Sunday morning and Sunday evening.

Our quarterly business meeting was held June 8th. A board consisting of four of the brethren was appointed to hire a minister. Also four delegates were elected for the conference at Winona Park.

HATTIE V. GROVES.

### Johnstown, Pa.

There is considerable of a forward movement in the work in this city and there is perhaps no place where it is more needed. One of the best and most needed organizations came into existence during the past month when the official members of the church organized themselves into a body for the purpose of further advancing the work in and out of the membership. A committee consisting of Elders Benj. Gochenour and W. A. Crofford and Deacon E. K. Miller were appointed to carefully investigate the Morellville work and report at the next monthly meeting. With several good additions from that place and a number of families having moved into or adjacent to it,

we have probably thirty members in Morellville. Within the past year it has become a part of the city of Johnstown and we feel an especial interest in the work there.

The Children's Day exercises of the Somerset Street Sunday-school will be held on June 23rd, and at the Grove Avenue church (Moxham) on June 30th. Special effort is always made on these days to encourage and entertain the scholars.

There were four added to this congregation by letter since our last report, the membership numbering considerably over four hundred at present.

The church having granted me a vacation I will be absent until Sunday July 21st, as I shall spend the time with friends at Lodus, Mich. I hope to be able to worship with some of the churches of that State. Brother W. A. Crofford will report the work for July.

E. E. HASKINS.

### Millersburg Church, Iowa

I feel I have not done my duty in reporting from this church, and as I have no good reasons for not reporting oftener I will just confess and not try to make any excuse.

I am glad I can state our church is prospering. It never has been in a better condition. Since we have our new church we have had splendid meetings and sometimes at our regular services have our church nearly full, and on special occasions more than full.

Our Sunday-school and King's Children are also well attended and I rejoice over the active interest our young people take in all our religious work and best of all our members are trying to live religion, and it is telling on our neighborhood. Two weeks ago we had our love feast and a glorious feast it was. Tho the house was crowded we had good attention and order. Our members have love for one another and we find no occasion to turn our church into a court house. We have no occasion to use force and expulsions to get our members to live right. Our plan is meekness, long-suffering, forbearance, love and kind reproof. We think a good deal of the power of prayer and love. We have a church that kneels in prayer when I ask them, not a part of them but all. I have taught them to get close to God. It is well to exclude themselves from the public gaze by kneeling. Our young members return thanks at meals as freely as our aged members, both brothers and sisters. In the last month we baptized three and now have another applicant.

Last Sunday we had Children's Day. This is always a big day with us. We have all day meeting and this was a good one, and we enjoyed it so much. But our joy was turned into sorrow when in the evening the news reached us of a sad accident of two young ladies being thrown out of the buggy by run away horses while on the way to the meeting. Both fell on their heads and were badly hurt, and are unconscious a good deal of the time. The one is a member of the Brethren church and always takes an active part in our services, and had prepared a good recitation to deliver that day. In fact she has more than ordinary talent in that direction and they are continually rehearsing the thoughts that were on their minds at the time of the accident. The sister is continually delivering her recitation. I never witnessed anything so remarkable. She will change from her fright and screams, take on a look of composure and raise up in the bed, put her strength with all the eloquence, gesture, emphasis and force as tho she was before the congregation. She delivers it well. The recitation being a good one it cannot fail to effect any one that hears her. The other lady seems to have had the sermon on her mind that I preached two weeks before and talks about it and inquires about the text. Some time after I came the sister became conscious, wanted me to tell all about the meeting, expressed her regret she did not get there, requested prayer and assured me of